

WORLD DAY OF REMEMBRANCE
FOR ROAD TRAFFIC VICTIMS

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 15, 2013

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims.

This Sunday around the world, millions will pause to remember those who have died or been injured in road crashes. Every year, the list of those injured and suffering as a result of road crashes grows. This tragedy is increased by the fact that many of these deaths and injuries could have been prevented. This is a growing global epidemic predominantly impacting young people. More than 40 percent of all road traffic deaths occur among individuals under 25 years old and road crashes are the second leading cause of death for young people aged 5–25 years.

Promoting global road safety requires a focus on education, advocacy and support for targeted road safety projects in low and middle income countries where the problem is more prevalent. That is why I have been a long supporter of the Association for Safe International Road Travel (ASIRT).

ASIRT encourages governments in developing nations to reduce road traffic deaths and injuries through dialogue, research and advocacy. ASIRT encourages and promotes U.S. government involvement in road safety abroad by emphasizing the importance of sharing U.S. technical assistance and injury treatment expertise with other nations and international organizations. ASIRT also works closely with the Congressional Global Road Safety Caucus to raise awareness among members of Congress about this urgent problem and with U.S. embassies abroad to promote road safety initiatives in host countries.

I want to congratulate ASIRT for being selected to participate in the new Bloomberg Global Road Safety Initiative. This initiative will devote \$125 million over five years to fund road safety interventions in 10 target countries around the globe. ASIRT is the only non-governmental organization among the Bloomberg partners on this project. ASIRT will work to strengthen NGO capacity in target countries through grassroots programs and is currently working on programs in Egypt, Kenya, and Turkey with plans of expanding to other countries.

World Remembrance Day is a time for the public to think about the devastating loss and suffering that still occurs because of road crashes and reminds us of how much more we must still do to bring this suffering to an end.

HONORING NANCY ELLEN VOILS-FIELD

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 15, 2013

Mr. GRIFFITH of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I submit these remarks in honor of Nancy Ellen Voils-Field of Salem, Virginia, who went to be with her Heavenly Father on November 8, 2013.

Nancy met her husband, Robert Field, as a teenager. They moved to Salem in 1972, following 20 years of Army life. Nancy, a devout Latter-Day Saint, spent much of her time working to serve her Heavenly Father and assist those in need.

Those who knew her are well aware of her long-time participation in 4-H and Extension Homemakers, and of her involvement in Scouting. I had the pleasure of working with Nancy for a number of years in the Boy Scouts of America, Blue Ridge Mountains Council, Catawba District. Whenever a task needed to be done, Nancy would wait to see if anyone else would step forward. If no one else volunteered, we could always count on Nancy to say, "Well, I could probably do that." It was widely known in the community that Nancy Field was a quiet leader who would get the job done.

Nancy loved music, gardening, and quilting. Over the years, I always enjoyed looking at her many award-winning entries in the Salem Fair.

Nancy leaves behind her husband of 62 years, Robert, and a sister, Mary Lou Voils. Also surviving are four children David Field and his wife Marianne of Columbus, Mississippi, Sharon Crenshaw of Roanoke, Robert (Brian/Rob) Field, of Naples, Florida, Charles (Rich) Field and his wife Dawn, of Salem; and four grandchildren.

My thoughts and prayers go out to Nancy's family and loved ones. She will be greatly missed. Her love for her family, friends, and community will always be remembered and cherished in Salem.

CONGRATULATING AND HONORING
THE LOUISIANA BUSINESS AND
TECHNOLOGY CENTER

HON. BILL CASSIDY

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 15, 2013

Mr. CASSIDY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Louisiana Business & Technology Center (LBTC), located on Louisiana State University's South Campus in Louisiana's Sixth Congressional District. It is indeed a great honor and privilege to join with the LBTC in commemorating and celebrating 25 years of dedicated service to the business community in the State of Louisiana.

Over the past 25 years, the LBTC has partnered with small businesses and entrepreneurs to help them reach their goals of longevity and self-sufficiency. Under the leadership of Executive Director Charles D'Agostino and his team, the LBTC has created over 10,000 jobs and helped start up companies raise \$172 million in loans and equity investments. Additionally, the LBTC has been instrumental in providing Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) grant assistance to over 2,500 companies amounting to \$77 million in awards. Finally, the Center has enlisted the support of LSU's student body in creating a Student Incubator which has spawned 28 full time businesses with 97 jobs and has raised over \$3 million in capital since 2010.

Based upon the LBTC's long record of accomplishment and achievement, they have obtained the reputation of being known as one of the best entrepreneurial launchpads in the

State. On behalf of the residents of Louisiana's Sixth Congressional District, I congratulate the Louisiana Business and Technology Center on the tremendous contribution it has had in fostering and developing small businesses which are a vital component to our Nation's economy.

HONORING LEBANON ON ITS 70TH
INDEPENDENCE DAY

HON. RICHARD L. HANNA

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 15, 2013

Mr. HANNA. Mr. Speaker, one week from today, on November 22, 2013, the Lebanese people will come together to celebrate the 70th Independence Day of Lebanon. As a proud Lebanese-American, I extend my congratulations on this momentous occasion to President Sleiman, Caretaker Prime Minister Mikati, Speaker Berri, and all citizens of Lebanon and those around that world who proudly claim Lebanese heritage.

For seventy years, Lebanon has exemplified its rich history of multiethnic heritage and cohesion through its ability to bring together populations that enjoy the freedom to show their diversity in areas such as their religious practices while remaining bound together through their love for a unified and sovereign Lebanese nation. The National Pact that set the foundation for the Lebanese state in 1943 established a framework of independence, diversity, inclusion, and unity that have endured through these last seventy years as the keystones of a strong and lasting sovereign nation.

The Lebanese people have not only contributed to outstanding and continuing achievements within Lebanon and the Middle East, but all around the world. Here in the United States of America, the early Lebanese Americans who arrived in the 19th century quickly established strong communities built on the foundation of strong work ethic, ingenuity, and cultural integration. Those characteristics continue to define today's generation of Lebanese Americans who make up the largest demographic of Arab Americans at 26.9 percent according to the U.S. Census Bureau's most recent American Community Survey. I am honored that many of these Lebanese-American families have chosen to call New York—and especially Upstate—home. I embrace all of the positive contributions that they continue to make every day in our society.

Today, the role that Lebanon plays within the world and the Middle East is as important as ever, and it is of upmost importance that it endure as a beacon of hope and a truly independent ally and nation free from the instability, foreign influence, and war that have engulfed its Syrian neighbor. The strength of the people of Lebanon and their leaders has been demonstrated through their ability to remain resilient and united even in the midst of a regional crisis that has displaced 814,002 Syrian refugees as of November 12, 2013, into more than 1,400 Lebanese communities. It is imperative that the United States continue to support Lebanon as it grapples with these difficult times and maintains its strength through whatever may lie in the days and years ahead.

Given all that Lebanon has been through these past 70 years, it is important that this

day of independence be celebrated for all that have called Lebanon home and those abroad who are proud to be defined by the Lebanese history and heritage that contributes to the character of both individuals and nations around the world.

**IN RECOGNITION OF SAINT JAMES
A.M.E. CHURCH'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY**

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 15, 2013

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor and pleasure to extend my sincere congratulations to the congregation of Saint James A.M.E. Church in Columbus, Georgia as the church's membership and leadership celebrates a remarkable 150 years. The congregation of St. James A.M.E. Church will celebrate this very significant anniversary with a worship celebration on Sunday, November 17, 2013 at the Church at 1002 Sixth Avenue in Columbus, Georgia.

Tracing its roots back to the Civil War era, the St. James congregation emerged from the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, with Reverend William Gaines serving as the first pastor in 1864. Today, the physical body of the church serves as a reflection and memorial of past members and pastors who contributed to its preservation. On September 29, 1980, the church was listed on the National Historic Register.

In an 1873 act, the Georgia Legislature granted St. James A.M.E. Church the land on which it stands and the first cathedral construction was completed in 1876. The ornately carved front doors, built by slaves, are the oldest parts of the church and are a reminder of the history of strength and perseverance behind the congregation.

Since its founding, St. James has endured several additions and renovations, all of which help tell the story of the church, its members and its fifty-one former leaders. In 1886, Reverend Larry Thomas oversaw the construction of the bell tower, which still stands today as a symbol of the Church's concrete mission to serve its congregation and community. Reverend Harold I. Bearden, who served from 1940 to 1948, installed the pipe organ that is still heard during church services today.

In 1988, St. James purchased property for a new parsonage, and by 1996, the conversion of the old parsonage into an administrative building was completed under the leadership of Reverend Scottie Swinney. The building now houses offices, a conference room, music room, clothing and food bank, and archives room, which collectively aid in the fulfillment of the church ministry. After Reverend Swinney's tenure, Reverend Richard Washington was pastor of the church. The church is now pastored by Reverend Joseph Baker, Sr.

In 2004, St. James erected an Elevator Tower to accommodate all members of the congregation. The building includes classrooms, accessible bathrooms, a stewardess room, and an elevator that services the Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary. To commemorate this achievement, a time capsule was deposited behind the Elevator Tower cornerstone to be opened in 2054.

Throughout all of these changes, the church has consistently maintained its presence as a center for spiritual, educational, professional, and civic gatherings within the African American community.

The second oldest church of its denomination in Georgia, St. James A.M.E. Church has served as pillar of faith and community for 150 years. The spirit within the congregation and their commitment to the growth of St. James is both admirable and inspiring.

Mr. Speaker, today I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Saint James A.M.E. Church in Columbus, Georgia for their dedication to helping one another, serving the community, and above all, worshipping our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**HONORING RESIDENTS OF THE
VILLAGE OF LYONS 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS INCORPORATION**

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 15, 2013

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Village of Lyons, Illinois, which is celebrating its 125th anniversary.

Lyons enjoys a long and colorful history, beginning in the late 17th century when the explorers Louis Joliet and Father Pierre Marquette began their quest for a western passage to the Pacific. After deciding to return home to Green Bay, Wisconsin, the explorers learned about a path from the Pottawatomie Native Americans traveling with them, a path that connected the Chicago and the Des Plaines Rivers, and included the future site of the Village of Lyons. Two hundred years later this swampy path would become the Illinois & Michigan Canal, one of the most important canals in the history of the United States, and a primary reason why Chicago became the nation's transportation hub. The Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal, which replaced the Illinois & Michigan Canal, remains a critical link between the Mississippi River and the Great Lakes.

As Chicago grew so did Lyons, but the residents never forgot the historically important site on which their Village was founded and built. Today, a statue stands at the Chicago Portage National Historic Site to honor that history.

Along the banks of the Des Plaines River sits another historic site, the Hofmann Tower. Built in 1908, the tower sits next to the former site of an electric dam Hofmann built and was meant to attract visitors to the area to enjoy the river and its banks. In 1978, Hofmann Tower was named to the National Register of Historic Places and Mayor Getty is currently working on plans to restore it.

I am proud to represent the Village of Lyons as it prospers today under the leadership of Mayor Chris Getty. On November 15, I will join the mayor and the residents of Lyons at Crystal Sky Banquets to celebrate the village's 125th anniversary.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the residents of Lyons, Illinois on the 125th anniversary of their village. May they enjoy this weekend's celebration and may the village continue to thrive as a close community.

IN HONOR OF CONGRESSMAN C.W.
BILL YOUNG

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 15, 2013

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, it is with tremendous sadness that I mourn the passing of Chairman C.W. Bill Young—an inspiring colleague and an outspoken champion for the United States Military. His passing will leave an enormous void in the U.S. House of Representatives where he has served for 43 years and was admired and respected for his strength, leadership and unwavering commitment to military strength and freedom around the world.

It was my honor to serve with him as a member of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense. As the longest serving Republican in the House and former Chairman of the Full Appropriations Committee, he was true inspiration to me and every Member who had the privilege to serve our country alongside him. I will miss Chairman Young as a colleague and a friend.

I extend my heartfelt prayers and condolences to Chairman Young's family, especially his wife Beverly, who was his constant companion, champion of military families, and a true inspiration in her own right. The U.S. House of Representatives and the United States of America has lost a hero and he will be sadly missed.

**70TH ANNIVERSARY OF LEBANON'S
INDEPENDENCE**

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 15, 2013

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the Lebanese American communities in our district, who are celebrating the 70th anniversary of Lebanon's independence. On November 22, 1943, Lebanon obtained its independence from France. Shortly thereafter, Lebanon became a founding member of both the United Nations and League of Arab States. Signaling its commitment to the idea that human rights were global and that it was ready to be a full partner in the post World War II world, Lebanon participated in the drafting of one of the UN's most distinguished documents—the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

The United States and Lebanon have been blessed by a historically strong friendship, owing in part to the emigration of Lebanon's sons and daughters. They embraced America and followed the words expressed by the poet Kahlil Gibran, that "To be a good citizen is to acknowledge the other person's rights before asserting your own, but always to be conscious of your own." The contributions of those early immigrants and those who followed helped to build our nation.

Since 1965, over 135,000 new immigrants have come from Lebanon. Ohio has one of the largest Lebanese American communities in our nation and our citizens are richer for it. The Lebanese community willingly shares its culture and values; the result has been innumerable contributions to the arts, sports, medicine, politics, education, science and industry.